



**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force  
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

**Members Present:** John Donovan, Jessica Hyink, Sidney Kenyon, Aaron Maertins, Jason Meter, Jessica Ortega, Ryan Peterson, Lee Ann Prather, Keith Privett, Tom Rickert, Karen Shinnars, Pamela Sielski, Kevin Staniel, Maggie Czerwinski, Troy Simpson, Carlos Feliciano

**Staff Present:** Caitlin Goodspeed, Jen Maddux, Katie Piotrowska, Vickie Jacobsen, Alison Case, Jared Patton, Tom Murtha, Tony Manno

**Others Present:** Martin Mueller, Emily Daucher, Jeremy Glover, Cody McChane, Benet Haller, Steven Pautsch, Tim Gustafson, Caitlin Bettisworth, Daniel Maziarz, Hannah Perl, Ruth Rosas, Laura McFadden (DOTH), Peter Dirks (DOTH)

**1.0 Call to Order 1:00 p.m.**

Mr. Rickert reviewed the Task Force's digital communications protocol. Attendees were asked to remain muted unless speaking or use the chat function for questions and comments.

**2.0 Approval of Minutes – April 14, 2021**

Motioned by Lee Ann Prather, seconded by Keith Privett, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented, with no comments.

**3.0 Agenda Changes & Announcements**

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

**4.0 CMAP Board meeting updates**

Caitlin shared updates from Erin Aleman with the group. CMAP is interested in gauging people's interest in return-to-work scenarios in the fall. Caitlin and Jen will send out a survey prior to the September meeting to see if there's an interest in meeting in-person at the CMAP offices.

**5.0 Safety Action Agenda – Vickie provided an update on the Safety Action Agenda, which is**

focused on long-term safety initiatives for the region, and the work that the resource group has done since the last meeting in April. The group is currently focused on speed management and they are in the process of writing a strategy on the topic. Vickie reviewed the general topics that

the paper will cover including education and enforcement. Vickie asked the group about speed management. Keith recommended that the group listen to community groups to understand where neighborhoods have issues with speed management and try new solutions. Troy stressed the danger of mid-block crossings, especially on state routes. Ryan recommended testing speed management strategies in school zones and then pushing them outward and making them more common place if they work.

## **6.0 Cook County Bicycle Plan**

Benet Haller (Cook County) shared the new Cook County Bicycle Plan with the group. The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways has launched it's first-ever bike plan to refine County priorities for bicycle infrastructure. The largest population of cyclists is in the interested but concerned category – want to be in locations with low levels of traffic. Mapped low stress network, starting with off street network. Three goals: expand low stress network and make it more accessible (goal is that no one is more than 1.5 miles from low stress network), ensure equitable investments, and support everyday cycling. Engagement website is active. Engagement is robust – engage with populations that typically don't participate in bike planning process. Final draft – March 2022.

## **7.0 CMAP Prairie Path Plan**

Tony Manno (CMAP) and Katie Piotrowska (CMAP) shared the work they did with the Prairie Trail and Taft Corridor plan. The plan focuses on economic development, transportation improvements, placemaking, and development opportunities along the corridor. Katie reviewed the key recommendations which were informed by virtual community outreach efforts. They included adding more street trees in the corridor, improving the pedestrian experience, connecting the villages via bike, and using the Prairie Path to attract visitors to the Taft Avenue Corridor. Katie and Tony plan to do community visioning over the summer and then draft plan.

## **8.0 Project Updates**

Jessica informed the group that the Dupage County Forest Preserve will be updating three master plans for Blackwell, Folley, and Green Glen. Maggie let the group know that the local match bill passed in the state house and senate. This bill will mandate the state to cover the cost for walking and biking on state roads. IDOT awarded ITEP awards last week. Excited to see those awards announced. How can ITEP be improved for next cycle? Push for ongoing operation support for Chicagoland transit. Bike week is at the end of June. Rally at Thompson Center, series of virtual events throughout the week. Bike the Drive, September 5.

## **9.0 Other Business**

There was no other business mentioned in the meeting. Tom – Tour von Schaumburg. Discover Schaumburg – Bike photo challenge. Carlos – IDOT participated in Schaumburg event. IDOT has been discussing maintenance and what that might look like in the future. Buy in from local agencies to help with maintenance. Policy people are looking at maintenance. This has been a major issue for

decades now. Maggie – need a maintenance brainstorm. Bike Month – Palentine, Broadview weekly bike rides, downers grove, riverside, cook county. Troy – bike to work day.

**10.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments or questions received prior to the meeting.

**11.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

**12.0 Adjournment**

**Note: check with Erin about ADA design input from the group.**

**Motion to adjourn: Syd Kenyon, Lee Ann Prather second**

**Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force Members:**

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| _____ Ed Barsotti       | _____ David Longo     | _____ Lee Ann Prather |
| _____ Maggie Czerwinski | _____ Aaron Maertins  | _____ Keith Privett   |
| _____ John Donovan      | _____ Allan Mellis    | _____ Tom Rickert*    |
| _____ Carlos Feliciano  | _____ Jason Meter     | _____ Karen Shinnors  |
| _____ Jessica Hyink     | _____ Randy Neufeld   | _____ Pamela Sielski  |
| _____ Sidney Kenyon     | _____ Jessica Ortega+ | _____ Troy Simpson    |
| _____ Patrick Knapp     | _____ Ryan Peterson   | _____ Kevin Staniel   |

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